Number of trekking spots in Himachal Pradesh

996. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the names of trekking spots in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) the number of trekking expeditions undertaken to Himachal Pradesh during the last two years;

(c) the steps being taken to promote trekking in the State; and

(d) whether any central aid has been asked in this matter, if so, the quantum of aid given?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SMT. USHA SINGH): (a) Dalhousie, Dharamshala, Manali, Narkanda, Shimla, Srahan and Nahan are among the places identified by the Government of Himachal Pradesh for establishing trekking bases in the State.

(b) Trekking expeditions are mostly organised by private parties, educational institutions and other organisers and as such no definite number can be indicated.

(c) Trekking being a major activity for the Himachal Pradesh the State Tourism Department is keenly promoting trekking attractions in the State through press and media.

(d) The Central Government has sanctioned an amount of Rs. 48.70 lakhs and released an amount of Rs. 37.38 lakhs for purchase of trekking equipment and constructions of trekkers' huts etc.

Re-orientation of P.D.S.

997. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether P.D.S, is to be re-oriented soon and linked with employment generation and nutrition programme as has been published in Economic Times of 20th November, 1990 and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government are aware of a similar proposal put out in Consumer Confrontation (CERC, Ahmedabad) bulletin in June, 1986 issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SARWAR HUSSAIN): (a) There has been no change in Government's policy on PDS so far. The Government does not intend to reduce the number of beneficiaries of the System so far as weaker sections of the population are concerned.

(b) It has not come to the notice of this Department.

गांव अरकपुर बाग मोची, नई दिल्ली में श्मशानघाट का विकसित किया जाना

998. श्री इलेश्वर गौड़ा : क्या शहरी विकास मंत्री 7 सितम्बर, 1990 को राज्य सभा में अतारांकित प्रश्न 3696 के दिए गये उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) दिल्ली प्रशासन, रेलवे, दिल्ली विकास प्राधिकरण तथा दिल्ली नगर निगम में से किस प्राधिकरण पर गाव अरकपुर बाग मोची, नई दिल्ली में श्मशान स्थल पर टिन शेडों का निर्माण करने तथा चबूतरा बनवाने की जिम्मेदारी है;

(ख) दिल्ली प्रशासन/रेलवे मे से कौन सा संगठन श्मशान स्थल के क्षेत्र का सीमांकन करके यह जमीन गाव के लोगों को देगा;

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार को इस संबंध में बहुत से अभ्यावेदन प्राप्त हुए हैं तथा उनके साथ वर्ष 1880 की फ़र्द लगाई गयी है; और